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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2003, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter PTO), we submit the following Amendment and Response timely filed on May 12, 2003, in view of the fact that May 11, 2003, falls on a Sunday. Please amend the application as follows.